THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Out of 111 aircraft ordered, Air India has taken the delivery of 68 aircraft till date. This includes 9 B777-300ER, 8 B777-200LR, 17 each of A321, A319 aircraft and 17 B737-800 aircrafts. However, Air India has deferred delivery of 3 B777-300ER and the delivery of 27 B787 is delayed beyond 2011.

(c) All the aircraft delivered are being operated for scheduled flights.

Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme

*370. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) has offered any project for flight safety, aerodromes and air navigation services under their Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has delayed the project to address the deficiencies detected during the ICAO audit;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when India will be able to implement the corrective actions based on ICAO audit recommendations and strengthening of the DGCA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Approval has been granted to Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for seeking technical cooperation of International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) in the identified areas of safety oversight *viz.* flight safety, aerodromes ad air navigation.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Two ICAO projects relating to enhancement of safety oversight capability in areas of flight safety and aerodromes are for a period of 6 months each. The third project on establishment of safety oversight capability in the area of air navigation services is for one year.

Fresh Investment By Gail

†*371. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:
DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) has sanctioned investment of Rs.8000 crores in July, 2009 to enhance the previous and existing capacity of new pipelines;

(b) the details of the places where new pipelines will be laid and extension undertaken therewith;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the names of the industries and cities to be benefited therefrom; and

(d) whether any such plan for Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Gujarat is under consideration?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) to (c) GAIL (India) Ltd. has approved laying of three new pipelines, Jagdishpur-Haldia, Dabhol-Bangalore and Kochi-Kanjirkkod — Mangalore/Bangalore pipelines, in June and July 2009 with an investment of Rs. 15,172 crore. The details of the places where these pipelines will be laid and the names of industries and cities benefited are as under:-

(i) Jagdishpur-Haldia gas pipeline:

This pipeline passes through States of West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh to cater to gas demand of various customers at Puruliya, Bankura, Medinipur, Hazaribagh, Bokaro, Bhabhua, Rohtas, Aurangabad, Gaya, Rae Bareli, Sultanpur, Jaunpur, Varanasi and Chandauli. The major customers to be benefited by this pipeline are as follows:-

HFC Durgapur, FCI Sindri, HFC Barauni, Power plant Barh, CGS Patna, CGS Chapra, CGS Siwan, CGS Gopalganj, CGS Betiah, Power Plant Betiah, FCI Gorakhpur, CGS Kolkata, WBDPC Sagardighi, CGS Jamshedpur, CGS Ranchi, CGS Varanasi and CGS Allahabad, CSES Haldia, WBPDC Bandel, WBPDC Katwa, DPL Durgapur, SAIL Durgapur, SAIL Bokaro and Petrochemicals Plant at Barauni.

(ii) Dabhol-Bangalore gas pipeline:

This pipeline will pass through the States of Maharashtra, Karnataka and Goa to cater to gas demand of various customers at Ratnagiri, Kolhapur, Sangli, Dharwad, Goa, Devangere, Harihar, Tumkur, Bidadi and Bangalore. The major customers to be benefited by this pipeline are as follows:-

Finolex Industries, Zuari Fertilisers, TATA Power, Hindalco, KEI Energy, H and R Johnson, Sintex and Grasim Harihar.

(iii) Kochi-Kanjirkkod-Mangalore/Bangalore pipeline:

This pipeline will pass through the States of Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka to cater to gas demand of various customers at Kochi, Alwaye, Thrissur, Kottkal, Khozikode, Kannur, Kasargod, Mangalore, Palakkad, Coimbatore, Trippur, Erode, Salem and Bangalore. The Major customers to be benefited by this pipeline are as follows:-

Kannur Power Projects Limited, BPCL Refinery, GMR (Power), KMML, FACT Limited, REL (Udyogmandal), NEST (SEZ), MCF, K.G. Denim Limited and Jansons Industries Limited.

(d) In regard to Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat, GAIL is already executing capacity expansion for its existing Dahej — Vijaipur and Vijaipur — Dadri pipeline systems.

Further, GAIL is also laying Chainsa — Jhajjar — Hissar pipeline. GAIL plans to expand its existing/new pipelines up to Bhilwara, Chittorgarh and Jaipur in Rajasthan.

Apart from the above, Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) has invited bids for laying of Mallavaram (Andhra Pradesh) to Bhilwara (Rajasthan) pipeline, which is proposed to pass through the States of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. GAIL proposes to participate in the bidding process for the same.

Investigation into Violations by ADAG

*372. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:
SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Enforcement Directorate (ED), Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), Customs and Excise, Mumbai and Income-tax Department, Mumbai are investigating FEMA violations, violations of SEBI guidelines, violations of ECB/FCCB guidelines, evasion of customs duty, and evasion of Income Tax by Anil Dhirubhai Ambani Group (ADAG) of companies; and

(b) if so, the details of investigation so far, department-wise?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The Directorate of Enforcement under Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA), and the Income Tax Department under Income Tax Act, 1961 are conducting investigations in respect of certain companies of ADAG. Investigations by Central Excise authorities are also in progress. Since investigations are currently underway, disclosure of the details thereof may compromise the investigations.

Impact of rising Government Borrowings

*373. SHRI N.K. SINGH:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently expressed concern on huge Government borrowings during the current fiscal year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such huge borrowings have disturbed the balance between fiscal and monetary policies and could potentially militate against Financial stability; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has referred to the management of the large Government borrowing programme in 2009-2010 in a non-disruptive manner as a major challenge in its Annual Policy Statement for the year 2009-2010 (April 2009), First Quarter Review of Monetary Policy for the Year 2009-2010 (July 2009) and Second Quarter Review of Monetary Policy for the Year 2009-2010 (October 2009).